

Shall Jitneys be Allowed to Refuse Us Without a Legal Battle?



PROF. G. N. GRISHAM.

Whose resignation as Principal of the High School of this city created a profound sensation as well as expressions of universal regret on the part of white and colored people alike, who appreciated his unselfish and tireless efforts in behalf of his city, his race, and the Public Schools of Kansas City. As an educator the Sun unhesitatingly states that Prof. Grisham has few peers and no superiors in America.

PROF. GRISHAM RESIGNS.

Resignation Due to Ill Health.

Twenty-Six Years of Active, Able and Effective School Work.

Wm. H. Dawley, Jr., for 15 Years a Teacher in Lincoln, and One of the Race's Most Popular and Progressive Leaders, Appointed to Fill the Vacancy.

To mold the young mind in its first stages and shape its destiny according to well established rule and precedent is a great and noble task. This is the elementary work in the course of the instruction a teacher gives. But to go off, so to speak, the acquired and natural overgrowth of youthful folly and dullness calls for the skillful primer and the careful and painstaking master of his profession, to round off nicely the budding genius and blossoming talent of students.

Such was Prof. G. N. Grisham in his many years of work as principal of Lincoln High school who resigned his position after a lengthy period of efficient school work, and a clean and persistent effort in every good movement for the larger training of the public mind. What must be the influence of the broad and wonderful work of this truly great educator? A man who has proven himself so serenely fit and peculiarly qualified for his position. At this moment hundreds of students living throughout the country are leading singularly efficient lives, who have passed under the grueling hand of the man whom the late J. M. Greenwood, superintendent of schools, said was of the highest educational qualities, and whose grammar was perfect. What must be the sense of satisfaction of this individual to see all about him instances and examples of his youth training. And this nationally as well as locally. Then, too, how serenely and gracefully can he resign the reins of the most important educational position that can be held by any colored man of Kansas City, knowing as the people know, that insofar as human destiny is concerned, his work has been noble and successfully accomplished. And like a bright and brilliant summer—just past, he can now look for the soft and quiet touches of autumn, which to so many lives is the sweetest of seasons. Whether the principal has planned further action later on or looks to the happy advantages of retirement, his past work must stand as an example of the one thing that makes for what people call success, namely efficient ability rightly directed. It may be of interest to note here what the Kansas City Star had to say in Monday's issue, which we quote:

"G. N. Grisham, one of the best known Negro educators in the United States, and for 26 years in the Kansas City public schools as a teacher, has given up his position as principal of the Lincoln High school because of ill health. Prof. Grisham came to Kansas City following his graduation from Brown university and study in the German universities, in 1887. He is prominent as an educator."

He will be succeeded by W. H. Dawley, Jr., who has been in the Kansas City schools 15 years.

CHAS. A. STARKS.

GRAND MASTER CREWS AT JEFFERSON CITY.

By A. L. THOMAS.

Hon. N. C. Crews, M. W. Grand Master of Missouri and Jurisdiction A. F. and A. M., accompanied by Grand Deputy E. G. Lacey made his annual visit to Capital City lodge No. 9 Monday, May 3. After making his very excellent and instructive address as only Grand Master Crews can make them, he assisted in initiating ten candidates. He was assisted in this by Grand Deputy Lacey of Kansas City and Past Grand Lecturer E. J. Cooper of Mexico, Mo. Never in the history of Capital City lodge has excitement run so high concerning Masonry and we hope to initiate as many more in the near future. The following gentlemen were raised to the Master Mason's degree: Professors E. P. Robinsons, J. H. Kinney, J. C. Banks, Henry Williams, John Lumpkins and J. S. Sharp; Messrs. M. E. Clark, Wm. Burdette, Henry Howard, James Carter.

Refreshments were served and an

enjoyable time was had. The lodge returned a vote of thanks to its distinguished visitors, hoping to have them return again soon. On Tuesday morning the Grand Master addressed the faculty and students of Lincoln Institute at chapel exercises. Grand Master Crews, Grand Deputy Lacey and P. G. Lecturer E. J. Cooper were the guests of W. M. R. A. West while in the city and were also entertained by Secretary A. L. Thomas.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.

A large crowd attended the grand opening of the new cafe at the Harris flats. Mrs. M. Harris of Kansas City is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. I. Barnes, on account of the illness of her granddaughter, Miss Cleo Barnes. Mrs. F. Marshall has been ill for the past few days. Miss Grace Clevings, who has been ill for two weeks, has recovered. Prof. Barton spent Saturday and Sunday in Kansas City.

Mr. Daniel Lucas is very ill at his residence, 1831 Paseo.



PROF. R. W. FOSTER.

The popular principal of Wendell Phillips School, the largest Negro School in the West. Regarded as the best disciplinarian in the public schools, and a citizen of unimpeachable morals and integrity. His school will give its annual May festival at Central High School next Friday night.

LINCOLN Electric Park

Woodland Ave.,
Near 19th Street
Opening Date
May 15-1915

Rush-Rush-Rush! That is what is going on daily at the New Park. Carpenters, painters, electricians, laborers and park employees are rushing, as everything will be ready for the Grand Opening Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16. Those who have not actually visited this Park cannot realize what is in store for the Negroes in and near Kansas City.

This Park is the most complete Amusement Park in the country—money has not been spared in the building.

One thousand opera seats will be set in the next few days, in the coolest open theatre in Kansas City. The hard wood maple floor is now going down on the dance floor.

How does this sound for a reason to "Meet me on the Highway." Capt. Smith's "Lincoln Park Band," dedicating the Booker T. Washington Band Stand. This is the season's treat.

Meet me on the Highway and let us go up in the Ferris Wheel and get a view of Kansas City from the sky, after which a few rides on the Three Abreast Jumping Horse Merry-Go-Round will be sure to please. The Bean Pole or High Striking Machine, towers with its array of electric lights sixty feet into the air. As we stroll up Lincoln Highway after visiting the Water Dip and the Trip to Mars, we encounter the Shooting Gallery, Baby Dodger, Penny Arcade, Photo Studio, Candy and Novelty Booth, Restaurant, Cane and Knife Rack, Fruit Stand, Pool Parlor, Palmist, Jewelry Display, Doll Rack, Mechanical Baseball Game and Ice Cream Parlor.

With this done, having seen the Free Pictures and enjoyed the Band and Dance, we will again view the Oil Portrait of Lincoln and depart for home having completed a pleasant evening. Come again and bring your friends.

Dr. Booker T. Washington sends his regrets that he will be unable to be here for the opening, as he will be in New York City on that date.

We wish to state that stock in the Lincoln Electric Park Company may still be secured at \$1.00 per share by calling at Company Office, either 301-2 Finance Building, or Park.

**Park Motto:—
"Order at all times"**

AN HONEST PORTER.

A Colored Man Demonstrates That the Race Can Be Trusted at All Times.

On returning from Jefferson City last Wednesday the Grand Master of Masons lost on the cars the beautiful engraved Masonic badge valued at \$60 given him by Mt. Oread lodge No. 76 of this city. He knew he was wearing it when he left Jefferson City and missed it when he went to get on the street car and felt reasonably sure that it must have been lost either in the Union station or on the train. He inserted an advertisement in the daily papers, but about 7 o'clock John Miller, a porter of 15 years' service with the Missouri Pacific, called up from his sister's home in Independence, Mo., and said he had found it, and finding our telephone number in the directory had immediately notified us. At 11 o'clock that evening he brought it to us at the Union station, for which we compelled him to accept, although protesting, a modest reward.

Mr. Miller is not a Mason, "altho we wish he was," but is a member of the K. of P. All honor to John Miller. May other colored men in public service emulate his splendid example of honesty and integrity, always remembering that "honesty is the best policy," and that faithfulness and integrity ultimately bring their own reward.

TROLLEY PARTY to LEAVENWORTH—MAY 11, 1915.

The Cosmos Club, of Kansas City, Kansas is going on its first outing on the above date and invites its friends. As this is not strictly a money-making proposition, but, instead, mainly for the purpose of enjoyment, the party will be run on the Cosmos system, viz:

1. Tickets sold in advance.
2. Sale of tickets ends Sat. May 8.
3. Cars ordered according to the known sales—so that there shall be A SEAT WITH EVERY TICKET!

After Saturday, May 8, there is only a bare chance that tickets may be bought on application to the president, and then only providing a certain number are required to fill out a car. Cars begin leaving 4th and Minnesota at 7:00 p. m. Tickets now on sale at the Peoples' Drug Co., McCampbell and Houston's Drug Stores, The Palace Drug Stores, Jones' Barber Shop.

Bell Phone, West 973.

T. FORD DAVIS, Jr., Pres.

Fare for the trip 60c.

FRANK BUCKNER, Floor Mgr.

GRAND RECITAL

—at—
ALLEN CHAPEL

Wednesday Evening, May 12
at 8:30 P. M.

—by—
MME. JENNIE WATTS BROWN

of Chicago, Ill.

She will be assisted by Mrs. Emma Collins Payne, Contralto; Mrs. Rosa Jackson, Soprano, and Mrs. Ophelia Watts Jackson, Pianist and Accompanist. The public is invited.



PROF. WILLIAM H. DAWLEY, JR.

The newly selected principal of the High School, who for fifteen years like the Romans of old, who sat at the feet of Gamaliel, has sat at the feet of Prof. Grisham and imbibed all those splendid attributes and qualities that has made for the retiring principal a world-wide reputation and is possibly better fitted to promulgate the policies and ideas of his distinguished predecessor than any other man of the race. The Sun sincerely thanks the honorable Board of Education for their wisdom and unhesitancy in selecting Prof. Dawley as a fit successor to Prof. G. N. Grisham, and predicts that he will give to the Lincoln High School a continuation of that conservatism but nevertheless brilliant achievement that has made both the School Board and the superintendents proud of the work of this Negro school.

MAY FESTIVAL.

The Wendell Phillips school will give their annual May festival at Central High school, Eleventh and Locust streets, Friday, May 14. The parents and public are invited. Admission 15 cents. Children 10 cents. Program begins promptly at 8 p. m. Drills, folk dances and operetta will be given.

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ALLAH TEMPLE

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will give their annual Trolley Car Party to Leavenworth, Kansas, Thursday, June 17, 1915

FARE 60c ROUND TRIP

FRANK JENNINGS GUILTY.

Frank Jennings, ex-treasurer of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Kansas, was convicted of embezzlement on two counts in Judge Fisher's court, last Tuesday. The amounts charged was \$1,581. The penalty in such cases is from one to ten years in the state penitentiary.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge has had considerable trouble in getting this matter adjusted for the reason that Mr. Jennings ran away and was just recently captured in South Carolina. The bonding company who guaranteed the fulfillment of any shortage that he might make has been sued and judgment obtained against them to the amount of \$1,600 in the district court of Shawnee county. The money has not yet been paid and we do not know the reason, but we hope the officers of the law will see that this matter is pushed, as this corporation has been paid for Jennings' bond and they guaranteed Prince Hall Grand Lodge to make up all shortage.

The lodge had to put up \$200 for the capture of Jennings, besides other expenses, which amounted to hundreds of dollars. He was convicted at Wyandotte county, the place where he lived, and was at one time prominent in business circles. The Plaindealer regrets this very much, as transactions of this kind do not help the race any. When men who have been placed in such positions betray their trust it causes sorrow and trouble not only to the grand lodge but to the family. He was entrusted with the keeping of the funds for the widows and orphans and was paid for his services, therefore, there is no reason why he should squander this money.—Topeka Plaindealer.

Automobile given away to one holding lucky number at Armory Hall, Cottage and Vine streets, Wednesday night, May 12. Classes every Saturday night. Roscoe White, manager.

ALONG THE COLOR LINE IN KANSAS CITY.

The owner would not rent the building at 1606 East Twelfth street to colored people because it would outrage the feelings of the tenants above, but he would rent it to a white man, who opened up an ice cream emporium for the benefit of colored people. The colored people are liberally patronizing the place and neglecting three similar places run by their own people in the same block.

Wm. Grizzard was granted license to operate a saloon in the middle of the Highland-Woodland block on East Twelfth street and has installed his stock of goods. There are three other saloons in the same block run by white men and catering to black patronage. Now comes a white man from a corner tea store and frantically tears his hair. He would not object to a white man running a saloon so near him, but the thought of a Negro saloon is unbearable. The police commissioners have held up the opening of the place pending this single objection, which is evidently backed by the white saloonists. Burglars robbed Grizzard's place this week, and that's all he has gotten thus far.

Mrs. Maggie Washington of 1106 Michigan decided to open up a little grocery in the front part of her residence. She is a thrifty Christian woman and took this means of increasing her means and employing her children. Her customers asked for Missouri dairy milk and the concern promised to supply her a quantity each day. Then came the white grocers of the neighborhood and protested to the dairy. Naturally the dairy backed up on Mrs. Washington's order and would not supply it. The colored people of the neighborhood are still trading with the white grocers and Mrs. Washington, though not discouraged, is doing the best she can.

This being a big year in Frisco many of the high class theatrical attractions are stopping off here en route from the East. Some of these are playing the Grand and many of our people are eager to see them. The local management makes no provisions for this black patronage, yet some of what we call our best people flock to the unreserved gallery seats so high up that it is impossible either to see or hear, thus inviting ignominy and insults. The white people know that our people will stand for this treatment, that they really enjoy it and that's the reason we get it. If we only had race pride, if we would only stand together against the wrongs that are daily heaped upon us, what a vast difference it would make in our happiness.

MASONIC.

The idea that it is a Masonic crime to urge protest to seek the beauties of our rites is greatly exaggerated. We as fraternalists are really bound to keep our light from under the bushel so that others may behold its glory. We are even bound to call the attention of the outside world to the advantages held out by our ancient brotherhood. Certainly ask profanes to investigate our craft and urge them to seek its benefits if they are found desirable and the seeker is found worthy.

Lodges should not die out simply because they are too conservative to let anyone know they are in existence. Seek out the best man in your community, tell them about Masonry, its origin, its strength, its influence, its wealth of moral service, then encourage such persons to adopt it as an added element of character and manhood. What are we here for if it is not to make the world better by high class missionary service. There is no Masonic emblem. The beauties of Masonry are as broad as the Earth and as high as the Heavens. Let there be Light.

—Herrford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, 1232 Grand avenue, are now located at Mill, Wis.



MLLE. JENNIE WATTS BROWN.

The race's greatest dramatic reader, whose wonderful repertoire of reading and impersonation embracing pathos, solemnity, humor and dialect, have taken by storm all audiences before whom she has given recitals, and has won for her a high place in dramatic profession. Madame Brown is a Kansas City girl, the daughter of Mrs. Hester A. Watts, one of the lovable stewaresses of Allen Chapel, and comes from a family that has won much fame in the musical world. Her sister, Mrs. Ophelia Watts Jackson, was for many years the organist of Allen Chapel, and is loved by young and old, as are few people in this age and times.

The best ever heard in Buxton.—Gazette.

Madame Brown is a distinct asset not only to her own race but to the American stage.—Detroit Leader.

Chicago is justly proud of her brilliant representative, Madame Jennie Watts Brown.—Chicago Daily News.

Madame Brown charmed her audience with a well trained voice and an aptitude of speech that was simply marvellous.—Philadelphia Tribune.

Madame Jennie Watts Brown entertained in a delightful manner, and as an impersonator and elocutionist has few equals, white or colored.—Kittanning (Pa.) Daily Times.

Madame Brown possesses remarkable ability as a reader, ranging from serious to humorous, and faultlessly presenting every phase of life.—Waterloo (Ia.) Tribune.

After hearing her the race was made to feel that they had made higher rounds in the scale of progress. But one word expresses her accomplishment—superb.—Pittsburg (Pa.) Courier.

Madame Jennie Watts Brown delighted an immense audience at St. Paul's Thursday evening, and easily lived up to her reputation as the greatest impersonator of the race.—Des Moines Bystander.



MISS MARGARET JACKSON.

The remarkable song bird now playing with the Billy King Stock Company, and who so electrified Allen Chapel with her magnificent rendition of "Lift Up Your Gates, O Israel," last spring, will be heard again at this same church Sunday morning, May 9.